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Honorable John H. Shaffer  
Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Washington, D. C. 20591

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Thank you for your letter of January 5, 1970, forwarding a copy of your letter addressed to the presidents of scheduled and supplemental air carriers.

Our records fail to indicate any occasion in which passenger drinking has contributed to the cause of an air carrier accident. However, we believe that unrestricted drinking in flight could present a potential hazard, particularly in the event of an emergency evacuation.

The best solution is for the air carriers to impose their own restrictions. Should it be concluded that such control is not effective, we recommend that you consider instituting a rulemaking proceeding.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis M. Thayer*  
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Acting Chairman